

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1109  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, SENV, JA, US, AS

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

REF: (A) STATE 101727 (B) CANBERRA 3200

1. AMBASSADOR REHEARSED US POSITION ( REF A) WITH SIR KEITH WALLER, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT MORATORIUM WAS REQUIRED FOR ECONOMIC AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS AND THAT FIN WHALES WERE MOST ACUTELY THREATENED.
2. WALLER WAS NOT PERSONALLY INFORMED OF ISSUE AND TOOK NOTES. HE WAS PUZZLED THAT GOA HAD BEEN RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT MORATORIUM ON FIN WHALES WHEN THERE APPEARED TO BE NO AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC INTEREST IN THIS SPECIES. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT GOA POSITION AS EXPLAINED BY MINISTRY PRIMARY INDUSTRY SEEMED LARGELY BASED ON CONCERN THAT JAPANESE AND SOVIETS MIGHT DESTROY IWC RATHER THAN ACCEPT MORATORIUM. AMBASSADOR ADDED HIS JUDGMENT THAT SOVIETS AND JAPANESE WOULD HAVE TO RECOGNIZE STRONG WORLD PRESSURE AND AT LEAST NEGOTIATE THE ISSUE. HOWEVER, WITHOUT  
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CONCERTED PRESSURE FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS AUSTRALIA WITH A STRONG  
STAKE IN OCEAN RESOURCES THEY WOULD BE OFF THE HOOK ( NO PUN).

3. WALLER UNDERTOOK TO REVIEW GOA POSITION.

DECONTROL 12/31/74.  
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